

Oil and Gas Work Group

Conference Call March 1, 2006, 2:00 PM

Participants:

Due to the large number of participants on the call, names were not taken.

Rebecca Reynolds, Facilitator; Bob Jorgensen, Group Coordinator; Rita Trujillo, Note Taker

Introduction: Ms. Reynolds opened the call by explaining that because of the number of people on the call, she would be going through the four documents that were e-mailed prior to the call (and also posted on the task force web page), then would take questions at the end of the call.

Ms. Reynolds also addressed why the agreed upon matrix was not distributed as discussed in Durango. The reasons were twofold: first, all members of the task force may participate in any work group so therefore there are no rosters specific to any one work group. This, if the matrix had been distributed it would have had to go to the entire task force and the coordinators simply did not have the resources to conduct such a broad review of the document at this time. Second, the matrix was, in effect, a method to aid the work group in prioritizing its work items. The coordinators' intention is to provide equitable, participatory processes for each work group. The Oil & Gas work group was much larger than we anticipated and therefore not all process questions have yet been addressed. Therefore, it was felt that the matrix was a premature effort at this time.

Ms. Reynolds also clarified that the coordinators will not distribute any task force member contact information. At each quarterly meeting however space will be provided for any task force members who would like to share contact information with each other.

Work Group Process: Ms. Reynolds led the group through the Work Group Process Guide, beginning with a discussion of the mission of the task force. She emphasized that any pollutants and issues could be addressed by the work groups. She also noted that it was not necessary to have consensus. A description of the work group charters followed. The Oil & Gas work group charter was read, and timeframe and resource limitations were noted. The Cumulative Effects work group, formerly the Modeling work group, was described as written in the new work group charter. She emphasized that we are looking to promote good synergy / cross pollination among the work groups, as appropriate. It was emphasized that the task force does not have much of a budget for new modeling or monitoring; however, if gaps are identified, these can be included as suggestions in the task force final report.

The Task Force Guiding Principles were reviewed. The revised guiding principles include edits from the Feb 8, 2006 Durango task force meeting.

The parameters of the task force were also reviewed. Ms. Reynolds emphasized that consensus on options is not necessary, and that a broad range of options should be developed for review by the air quality regulatory agencies.

To illustrate the Outline for the Source Work Groups section, Ms. Reynolds directed the participants' attention to the Mitigation Option Development Examples. Options should be

developed by work groups by first reviewing background technical information, then brainstorming mitigation options, and then selecting work teams to develop each option. If no one is interested in developing an option, then that option will not be included in the task force report. The entire task force will have an opportunity to comment on each of the options; the work groups will revise the options as needed, and the final options will be incorporated into the final report of the task force. There will also be a web-based broad review of the document before it is finalized.

The List of Mitigation Option Examples was presented as only a list of potential options, to act as a starting point and not as a comprehensive list. There are many other mitigation options available.

Due to time constraints, the Technical Background Information Fact Sheets Outline was not discussed. Ms. Reynolds directed people with questions or comments on the outline to send them to Mark Jones, mark.jones@state.nm.us

Questions/Comments:

1. New plans for an Oil & Gas work group meeting in Farmington, on May 9th, 9:30 am, were discussed briefly. The morning meeting would provide time to organize the Oil & Gas work group into smaller sub-groups from Durango base info.

Action Items: Work group members to indicate whether or not they will be able to attend morning meeting by sending e-mail to Mark Jones, mark.jones@state.nm.us.

2. Liana Reilly, NPS, indicated that the Federal Leadership Forum is working on a similar agenda as that of the Oil & Gas workgroup of the task force.

Action Item: Liana Reilly will send out information on the Federal Leadership Forum to Mark Jones so that appropriate coordination can be considered.

3. There was a question regarding the guiding principle "The lack of existing scientific analysis will not preclude the development of specific mitigation strategies." This principle recognizes that a mitigation strategy may not yet be fully examined scientifically but may still be a viable option for mitigating air pollution, which the task force may want to include in its report. If such were the case, the task force should note the lack of information as part of the strategy and perhaps suggest remedies to obtain the information needed. It will be the responsibility of the regulatory agencies to finally determine what additional work will be necessary on any of the task force mitigation strategies they choose to recommend for implementation.

4. There was a question concerning the economic analysis portion of the mitigation outline. Referring to the examples, the economic analysis is not expected to be a detailed, rigorous economic analysis of the strategy. A simple statement of direct cost of the strategy would be sufficient.

5. There was a question regarding the task force end time of December 2007. There is no regulatory or other driver for this date. The date was chosen by the coordinating committee

as a reasonable time period in which to develop the task force report. The task force does need an end date for planning purposes as well as because of budgetary constraints.

6. Who is responsible for the writing of the mitigation options? Any member or subset of members of the work group or task force may decide to write a mitigation option. It is hoped that small drafting groups will form to work on several mitigation options so that synergy among the varying perspectives is represented. So as to keep the task force final report a manageable size, it is suggested that each mitigation option be 1-2 pages total. Supporting information can be included as an appendix.

7. How will the report be distributed and used? The final task force report will be posted on the task force website and submitted to the air quality regulatory agencies (states, tribes, federal and local government agencies). These representatives will consider the task force mitigation strategies as described in the report, and determine which ones to recommend for implementation.

8. Could a SHAREPOINT site be set up to facilitate the work of the teams? Consider Later: Some type of electronic media to facilitate drafting and editing of documents will be considered.

9. How will the coordinators interact with the work groups in the future; in other words, will the coordinators second guess the work groups decisions and products? The intention of the coordinators is to ensure an equitable, transparent and participatory process for all members of the task force. Toward this end, the coordinators will be working with the work group coordinators to ensure that process decisions within each work meet these goals. If there is concern that this is not the case, the coordinators will intervene to assist. In general however, it is the desire of the coordinators to honor the work, decisions and products of each work group.

10. What tasks can the work group work on prior to the next meeting?

Action Item: Members of the work group should start brainstorming mitigation options to consider for oil and gas sources.

11. Mike Lazarro of Argonne offered information on engine inventories and other relevant information. Rita Trujillo asked him to email any links to Mark Jones. Further, Argonne offered a presentation to the task force at some point in the future. Action item: the coordinators will discuss presentations and consider Argonne as one possibility.

Next Meeting: The next conference call of the Oil and Gas work group is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. Additionally, a face-to-face meeting of the work group is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, May 9th at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington at the Courtyard by Marriott.

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